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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY.

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UNIFORM METHODS AND RULES FOR TUBERCULOSIS-  
FREE ACCREDITED HERDS OF PURE-BRED CATTLE.

Unanimously Adopted by the United States Live Stock Sanitary Association  
and by Representatives of Pure-Bred Cattle Breeders' Associations, and  
Approved by the United States Bureau of Animal Industry.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,  
*Washington, D. C., December 23, 1917.*

The following methods and rules with regard to tuberculosis-free accredited herds of pure-bred cattle, having been unanimously adopted by the United States Live Stock Sanitary Association and by representatives of pure-bred cattle breeders' associations, are hereby approved on behalf of the Bureau of Animal Industry for governing its cooperative work with the States in applying the tuberculin test to pure-bred cattle.

J. R. MOHLER,  
*Chief of Bureau.*

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1. A tuberculosis-free accredited pure-bred herd is one which has been tuberculin tested by the subcutaneous method, or any other test approved by the Bureau of Animal Industry, under the supervision of the Bureau of Animal Industry, or a regularly employed veterinary inspector of the State in which cooperative tuberculosis eradication work is being conducted jointly by the United States Department of Agriculture and the State. Further, it shall be a herd in which no animal affected with tuberculosis has been found upon two annual or three semiannual tuberculin tests, as above described, and by physical examination.

2. The entire herd, or any cattle in the herd, shall be tuberculin tested or retested at such time as is considered necessary by the Federal and State authorities.

3. No cattle shall be presented for the tuberculin test which have been injected with tuberculin within 60 days immediately preceding or which have at any time reacted to a tuberculin test.

4. No herd shall be classed as an accredited herd in which tuberculosis has been found by the application of the test, as referred to in paragraph 1, until such herd has been successfully subjected to two consecutive tests with tuberculin, applied at intervals of not less than six months, the first interval dating from the time of removal of the tuberculous animal from the herd.



5. Prior to each tuberculin test satisfactory evidence of the identity of the registered animals shall be presented to the inspector. Any grade cattle maintained in the herd, or associated with animals of the herd, shall be identified by a tag or other marking satisfactory to the State and Federal officials.

6. All removals of registered cattle from the herd, either by sale, death, or slaughter, shall be reported promptly to the said State or Federal officials, giving the identification of the animal and, if sold, the name and address of the person to whom transferred. If the transfer is made from the accredited herd to another accredited herd, the shipment shall be made only in properly cleaned and disinfected cars. No cattle shall be allowed to associate with the herd which have not passed a tuberculin test approved by the State and Federal officials.

7. All milk and other dairy products fed to calves shall be that produced by an accredited herd, or, if from outside or unknown sources, it shall be pasteurized by heating to not less than 150° F. for not less than 20 minutes.

8. All reasonable sanitary measures and other recommendations by the State and Federal authorities for the control of tuberculosis shall be complied with.

9. Cattle from an accredited herd may be shipped interstate, by certificate obtained from the office of the State live-stock sanitary officials of the State in which the herd is located or from the office of the Bureau of Animal Industry, without further tuberculin test for a period of one year, subject to the rules and regulations of the State of destination.

10. Strict compliance with these methods and rules shall entitle the owners of tuberculosis-free herds to a certificate, "Tuberculosis-Free Accredited Herd," to be issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry and the State live-stock sanitary authority. Said certificate shall be good for one year from date of test unless revoked at an earlier date.

11. Failure on the part of owners to comply with the letter or spirit of these methods and rules shall be considered sufficient cause for immediate cancellation of cooperation with them by the State and Federal officials.

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